



**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**Rural Development**  
New Mexico State Office

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally invite you and your organization to take part in a unique and exciting event.

On June 21, 2005, USDA Rural Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency are co-sponsoring one of three regional listening forums across the country for Minority Business Entrepreneurs. The event will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Ballrooms A, B, and C of the West Complex.

We believe this event offers an excellent occasion for networking and promoting your organization to people who can truly utilize your services. We invite you to participate as an Exhibitor at the Agency Expo.

Please see the attached Exhibitor's Packet for details. Space is limited. Therefore, we are accepting reservations for exhibits on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration deadline is June 14, 2005.

We welcome your participation and look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please contact Frances Padilla at (505) 761-4985, fax (505) 761-4976, or via email at: [frances.padilla@nm.usda.gov](mailto:frances.padilla@nm.usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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